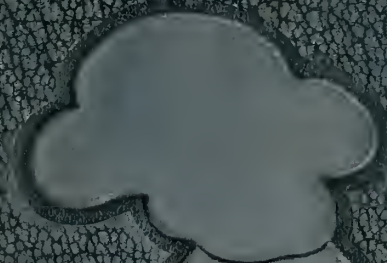


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Grace Phifer  
1953

Mrs. Phifer,

You are one of the sweetest and prettiest ladies I have ever known. I have always said that you are the sweetest teacher that I have ever known. I will never forget your kindness. In your backyard of memories, always remember me as a little red hen.

Love always,  
"Jo" Anne Cox

Mrs. Phifer

Although I have never had you for a Teacher I think you are one of the best in H.H.S. I sure do wish you Luck in the coming years

Bobbey Stephens

Mrs Phifer,

I sure have enjoyed your teaching through the years. You are, with no doubt, my favorite teacher. If all teachers were like you it would be a pleasure to come to school. I'll never forget you as long as I live, as the sweetest pretty, 12<sup>th</sup> teacher. Love you a lot,  
give you a lot,

Mrs. Phifer,  
I've told you before  
I'm telling you now  
I'll tell you again -  
None could be better -  
There is no one any  
sweeter - Am looking forward  
Love, to next year.  
Jillie Bill

Mrs. Phifer,  
It has really been a  
pleasure to have had  
you for a teacher.  
I'll always remember  
your kindness to me.  
Love  
Catherine Newton

Mrs. Phifer,  
It has really been a  
pleasure to have had  
you for a teacher.  
I'll always remember  
your kind and sweet  
ways.  
Peggy Jo Blahely

Mrs. Phifer,  
I really have en-  
joyed being in your  
Civics and English Class  
this year - I really  
do wish I could  
take Civics another  
year.  
Elizabeth Le

Mrs. Phifer  
I really enjoyed  
being in your English  
and Civics class -  
but most of all I  
just loved to go  
to English and see  
you. You had such a  
wonderful personality  
and always a smile.  
I enjoyed how you  
taught English  
because it was  
always so easy to  
learn.  
Edith Stue



Dear Mrs. Phifer

You are to me one of the dearest,  
sweetest and most pleasant  
teachers I have ever had in  
my school years. I learned a  
good deal of English from you.  
You will always be my favorite  
teacher. I want to wish the  
best of everything in your  
future. I will always love  
you.

Myra Ruth Cohen

Dear Mrs. Phifer,  
You are the sweetest  
teacher at Hamilton High and  
I shall always remember your  
warm smile.  
Best Wishes  
L. M. Cosman





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# CHOO-CHOO

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DEDICATED TO..OUR PARENTS



## *Dedication*

It is with sincere appreciation that we, the Senior Class of '53, dedicate this book of memories to our most loyal fans, our parents. It was they who started us on the long climb to the day when we would receive our diplomas. It was they who were behind us constantly through the years urging us onward toward our goal. Their praise of our successes and encouragement of our failures have helped us reach the long desired goal. We are proud to dedicate this book to our dearest friends, who have done so much for us throughout the years to help us prepare ourselves for whatever the future may hold for us.

OUR MOST FAITHFUL FANS





MR. H. M. KYZER  
*Superintendent*



MR. W. L. HALTIWANGER  
*Principal*

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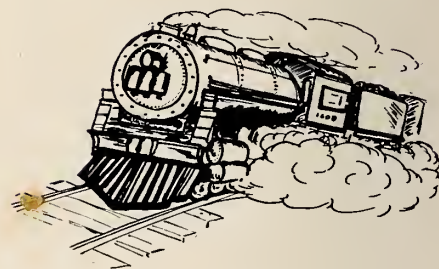




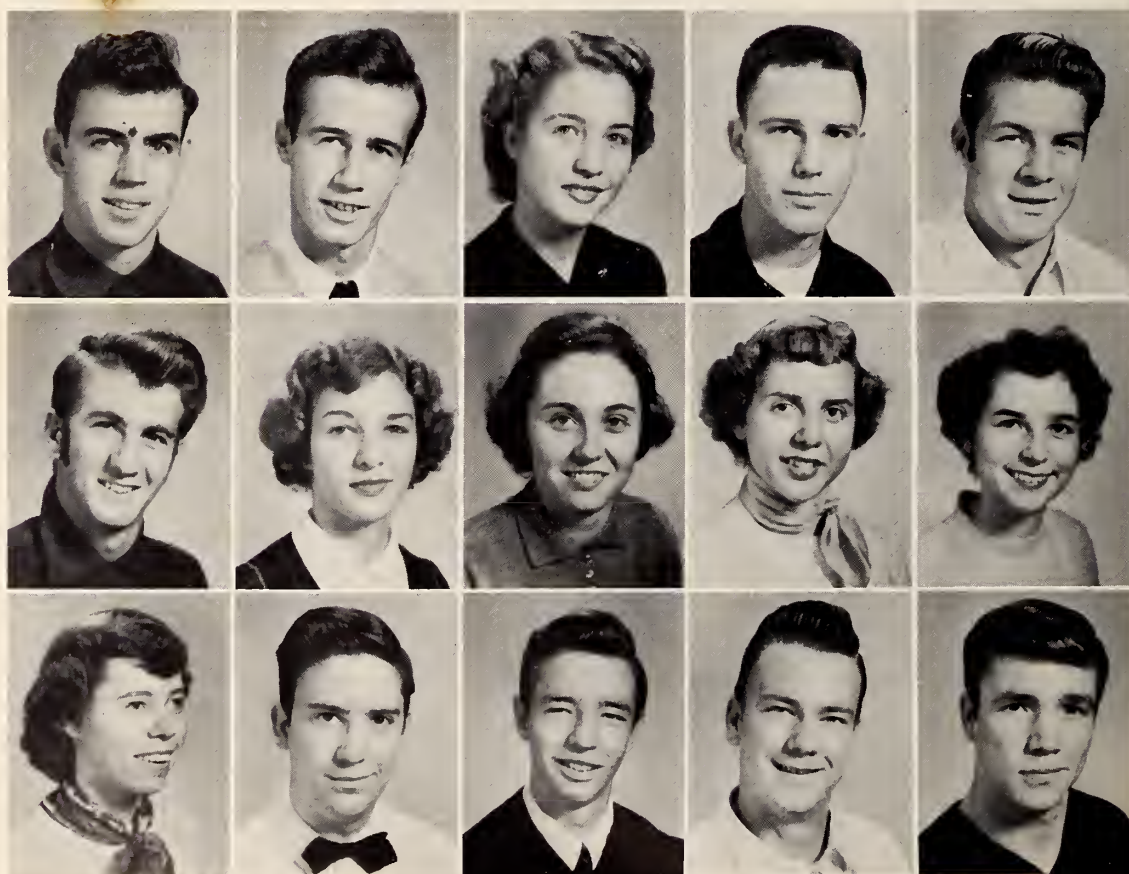


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*Editor*

BOBBIE SUTTON  
*Business Manager*



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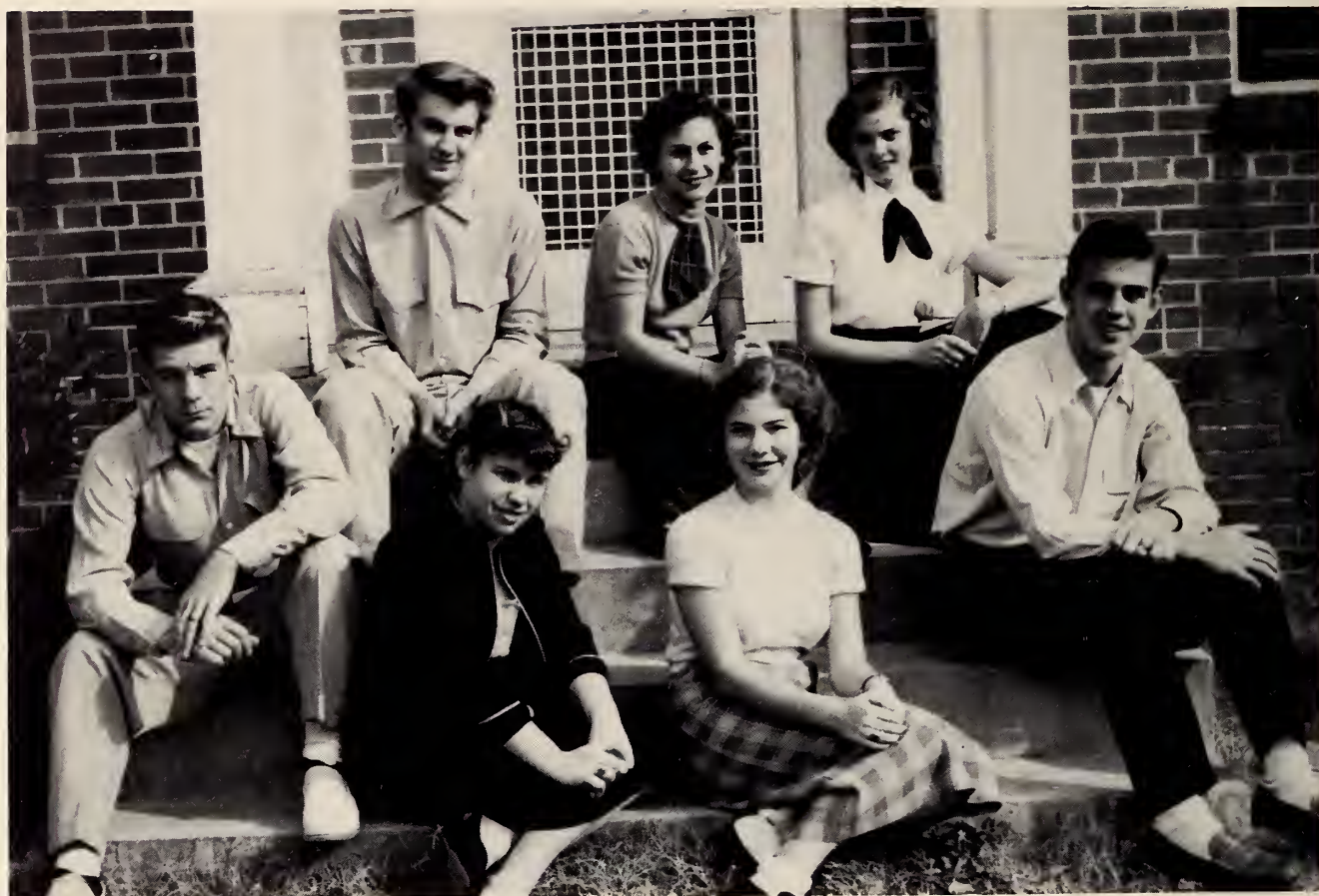


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## CLASS OF '53

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### MASCOTS

MARY LYNN FETNER

ANDY SMITH





# CLASS OF '53

SHIRLEY JEAN BAUCOM

"Shirley" . . . agreeable . . . nice . . . friendly  
. . . likely to succeed.

J. C. BENNETT, JR.

"Sonny" . . . nice . . . crazy.

DOROTHY LEE BILLINGSLEY

"Dot" . . . poodle cut . . . nice . . . cute.

ROBERT WILLIAMS BISHOP

"Robert" . . . sly . . . amiable accent . . .  
cute smile.

PEGGY JO BLAKELY

"Peg" . . . nice smile . . . friendly.

ELIZABETH JOYCE BREEZE

"Joyce" . . . "Hey Smeg" . . . Pudgie . . .  
bashful.

MARY BELLE BRIGMAN

"Mickey" . . . bashful . . . pretty hair . . .  
cute.

JACK PAGE BRIGMAN

"Jack" . . . loud . . . robust . . . friendly.

BONNIE LYNN CARNES

"Red" . . . pretty . . . bashful . . . vivacious.

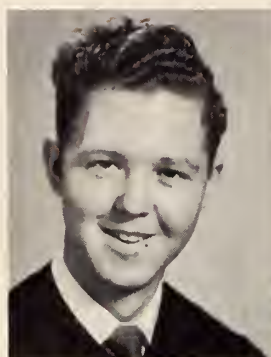
HARVEY CLARKE CARROLL

"Bones" . . . fighting editor . . . used car  
expert.



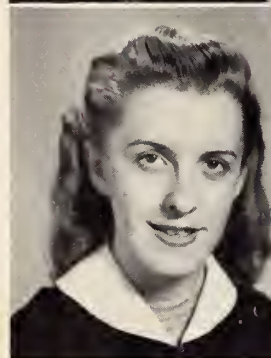


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JOHNNY CLEVELAND CARTER  
"Johnny" . . . nice . . . sweet . . . pleasant.

CAROLINE CHAVIS  
"Caroline" . . . helpful . . . sweet . . . nice.



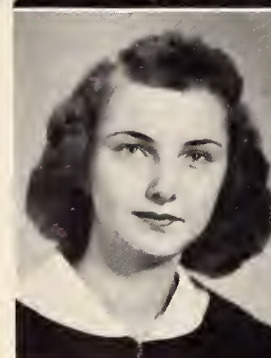
MYRA RUTH COCHRAN  
"Marhara" . . . likeable . . . nice to know.

MERI CHRISTINE COSMAS  
"Chris" . . . good looking . . . mischievous wit.



BARBARA JEAN COXE  
"Barbara" . . . pretty eyes . . . nice . . . amiable.

JO ANN COX  
"Jo" . . . intelligent . . . pretty.



PATRICIA LUCILLE DUKE  
"Pat" . . . easy to get along with.

CLAUDETTE LORENE EPTING  
"Claudette" . . . intelligent . . . nice to know.



WILLIAM ISAAC GAINNEY  
"Spike" . . . muscular.

BEVERLY ELISE GIBSON  
"Sugar Pie" . . . "Hey Doug" . . . helpfu!  
. . . nice.



# CLASS OF '53

ANNIE JEANETTE GIBSON  
 "Jeanette" . . . generous . . . friendly . . . helpful.

MELROSE GRANT  
 "Melrose" . . . shrewd . . . nonchalant.

MARTIN ARMSTEAD HATCHER, JR.  
 "Foots" . . . good-looking . . . popular . . . intelligent.

BETTY JEAN HAYNES  
 "Betty" . . . petite . . . sweet . . . cute.

ANDREW MUSE HEMPHILL, JR.  
 "Andy" . . . A. J.'s boy . . . Boy Scout . . . brain . . . aloof

PEGGY LOUISE HENDLEY  
 "Peggy" . . . friendly . . . sweet.

EARL DEWEY HORNADAY  
 "Pete" . . . popular . . . deep voice.

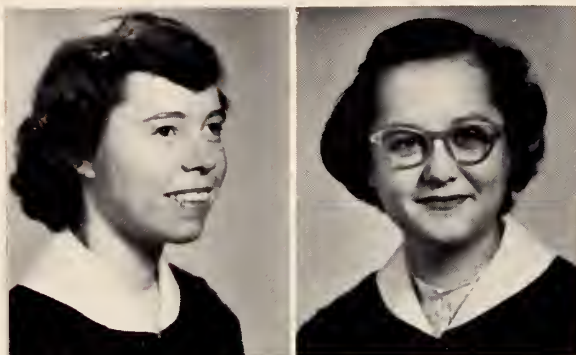
CARRIE ALLISON HOWELL  
 "Tat" . . . nobody's old maid . . . friendly . . . intelligent.

ELLA REA HUDSON  
 "Ella Rea" . . . sweet . . . helpful.

ROBERT FRANKLIN HUTCHENS  
 "Minnow Hoss" . . . big cat.







## CLASS OF '53

DORIS MARIE LASSITER

"Doris" . . . likeable . . . nice . . . dependable.

SHIRLEY JEAN MATHESON

"Shirley" . . . chatter box . . . friendly . . . helpful . . . "Giggles".

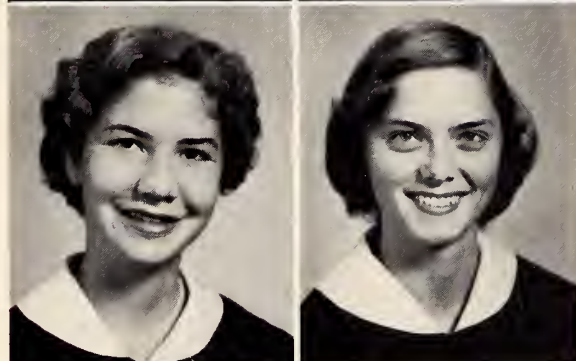


LAURA GERALDINE McDUFFIE

"Gerry" . . . good looking . . . married . . . sweet.

ARTHUR THOMAS McDUFFIE

"Mac" . . . Yes Dad . . . athletic . . . rugged but right.

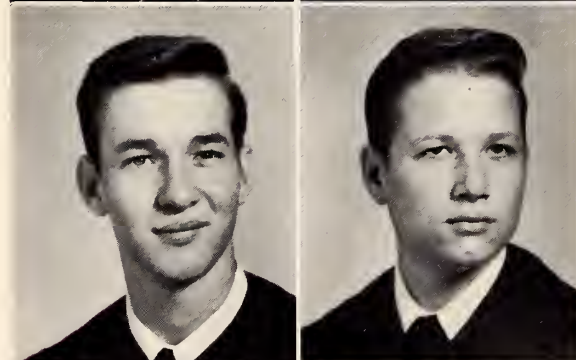


LENNA ODESSA MCEWEN

"Lenna" . . . popular . . . vivacious . . . nice to know.

JO ANN MCIVER

"Jo Ann" . . . good looking . . . pretty smile.



CHARLES FREDERICK MCKEE

"Mr. McKee" . . . play boy . . . ladies' man.

JAMIE OWEN MCLEAN

"Jamie" . . . nice looking . . . neat . . . easy going.



WINNIFRED MITCHUM

"Winnie Pooh" . . . athletic . . . popular . . . nice.

MARY LEE MOON

"Mary Lee" . . . pretty hair . . . sweet . . . sunny disposition.



# CLASS OF '53

ALEX R. MORRISON

"Alex" . . . witty . . . nice to know . . . tall.

JOHN JOSEPH MURPHY, JR.

"Jack" . . . nice . . . athletic . . . "Hey Tat".

DORCAS DEAN NELSON

"Dotty" . . . athletic . . . amiable . . . friendly . . . sweet.

CATHERINE SCHOLL NEWTON

"Catherine" . . . athletic . . . amiable . . . engaged . . . patient.

BILLY LEVAN PARKER

"Billy" . . . pool shark . . . bashful . . . nice.

DONALD CARSON PEELE

"Donald" . . . nice . . . co-operative . . . friendly.

ERNEST WILSON PEELE

"Ernest" . . . nice . . . friendly . . . co-operative . . . bus driver.

ROBERT CARSON PEELE

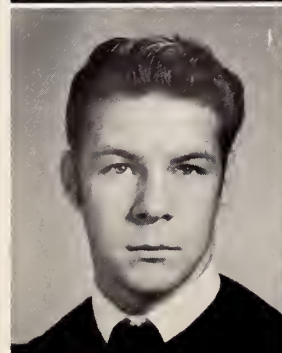
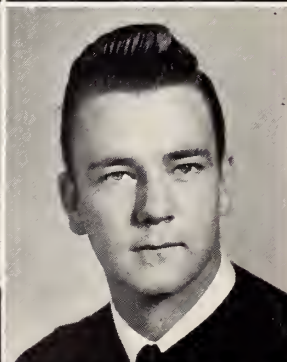
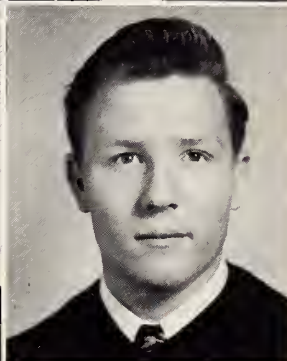
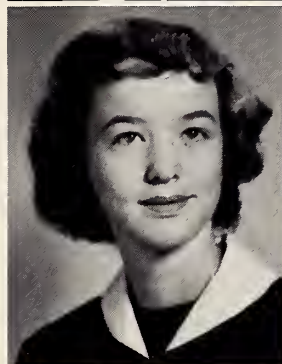
"Bobby" . . . nice . . . friendly . . . cheer leader . . . co-operative.

WILLIAM ROY PEELE

"Roy" . . . athletic . . . Romeo . . . popular.

SHIRLEY ANN QUICK

"Shirley" . . . quiet . . . pretty . . . nice figure.







## CLASS OF '53

MARY ANN RAMEY

"Mary" . . . dependable . . . lunch room  
. . . shorthand whiz.

NELLIE RUTH RICHARDSON

"Nellie" . . . nice . . . friendly . . . sweet  
. . . cute.

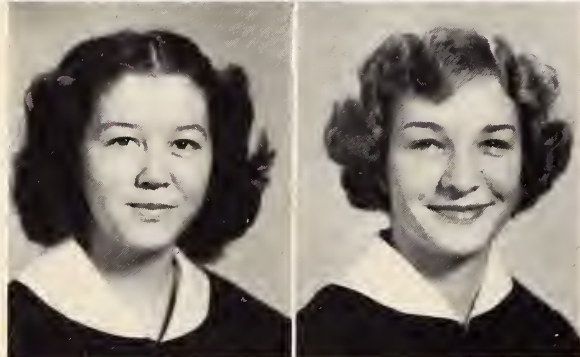


GILBERT DUNCAN ROBERTSON

"Gilbert" . . . "Hey Lib" . . . The Golden  
Gloves Kid.

FLORA ELLEN ROBINSON

"Flora" . . . nice . . . sweet . . . lunch room.

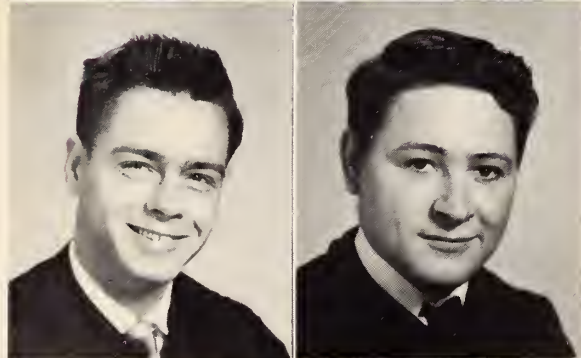


MARTHA FRANCES ROBINSON

"Martha" . . . smart . . . nice . . . likely to  
succeed.

BENNIE LOU ROGERS

"Lulu" . . . witty . . . friendly . . . good  
personality.

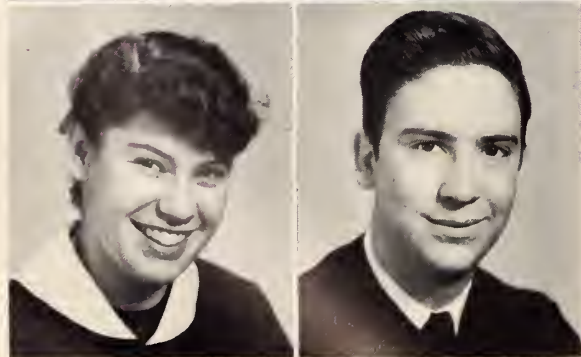


JOSEPH GREY SINGLETARY

"Grey" . . . friendly . . . easy going.

ROBERT CECIL STEPHENS

"Bobby" . . . generous . . . pleasant . . .  
nice.



MARY BARBARA SUTTON

"Queenie" . . . witty . . . friendly . . . cute  
. . . crazy . . . pretty

DOUGLAS EUGENE WALTON

"Doug" . . . "Hey Sugar Pie" . . . sweet . . .  
witty . . . bus driver.



# CLASS OF '53

MARJORIE ADAIR WARR

"Margie" . . . pretty clothes . . . amiable  
. . . neat . . . engaged . . . nice

SAMUEL EDGAR WEATHERLY

"Sammy" . . . sweet . . . nice . . . reserved.

CHARLES McDONALD WILLIAMS

"Charles" . . . friendly . . . quiet.

JAMES DAVID WILLIAMS

"David" . . . amiable . . . helpful . . . witty.

ROBERT CLARK WILLIAMS

"Bobby" . . . handsome . . . lazy . . . big cat  
. . . Miss Newton's buddy.

SCOTT WILBURN WILLIAMS

"Scott" . . . cute . . . nice clothes . . .  
friendly.

DONALD WESLEY WILSON

"Smeg" . . . friendly . . . nice to know . . .  
"Hey Joyce".

MARTHA SUE WOODALL

"Susie" . . . piano wizzard . . . likely to  
succeed.



## IN MEMORIAM

In memoriam to J. L. Sparks, a fellow class-  
mate, who lost his life during our freshman  
year.



# HISTORY OF THE '53 CLASS

Let us turn back the hands of time and find the many torn calendar pages. Ah yes, a fatal September morning. The scene: First grade classroom—cast: A frantic teacher, happy mothers who were free at last, and many plaid dresses, sailor suits, and corduroy overalls full of devilment—us! Camera! Action! And Remember When?

## First Grade:

Martin Hatcher's feet were not big? First day of full schedule everyone tried to go home at recess, and some lucky ones succeeded? We all thought Martha and Flora Robinson were twins?

## Second Grade:

Lenna McEwen's curves were fewer? I started skipping school, because I was tired of looking at Miss Tillman? Winnie Mitchum was already fighting boys?

## Third Grade:

Claudette Epting quit wearing corduroy overalls to school? Martha Sue Woodall wore glasses?

## Fourth Grade:

Doris Lassiter and Nellie Richardson loved Miss Moody so well they were always staying in for her? Johnny Carter and Miss Langston were good friends too?

## Fifth Grade:

Martin Hatcher was so in love with Shirley Baucom and wrote such "mad love letters" that Mrs. Barrington read them to the class? The Dizzy Dames was formed, and things began to happen—even in the cemetery? Shirley Matheson made Hamlet her home, and we've been listening to her ever since?

## Sixth Grade:

Bobby Williams proved to the Pansy Fetner girls that there was another school in town? Charlie McKee became his partner, and they not only snowed the girls but raided their refrigerators too? Sonny Bennett was the first one to start "going steady" and let a girl wear his ring—Cub Scout ring at that! Jack Brigman plagued Mrs. Keziah constantly and now entertains third period study hall with many interesting numbers?



#### Seventh Grade:

We all met at dear old H. H. S., and it took quite some time to find out where our rooms were? Charles Williams made a report on "Refrigeration" to the seventh and eighth grades in chapel?

#### Eighth Grade:

Up another floor in the school, and we thought we were "big deals"—Bennie Rogers was leaving the boys' restroom, when George informed her she was slightly mixed up? Myra Cochran loved motor bikes? Melrose Grant was mad because the teacher thought he was a girl, when she called the roll? Jeanette Gibson and Jack were lovebirds? The Boy Scouts held city offices for a day, and Andy Hemphill was a commissioner? David Williams kept the Cato telephone busy? Mary Belle Brigman wore long hair?

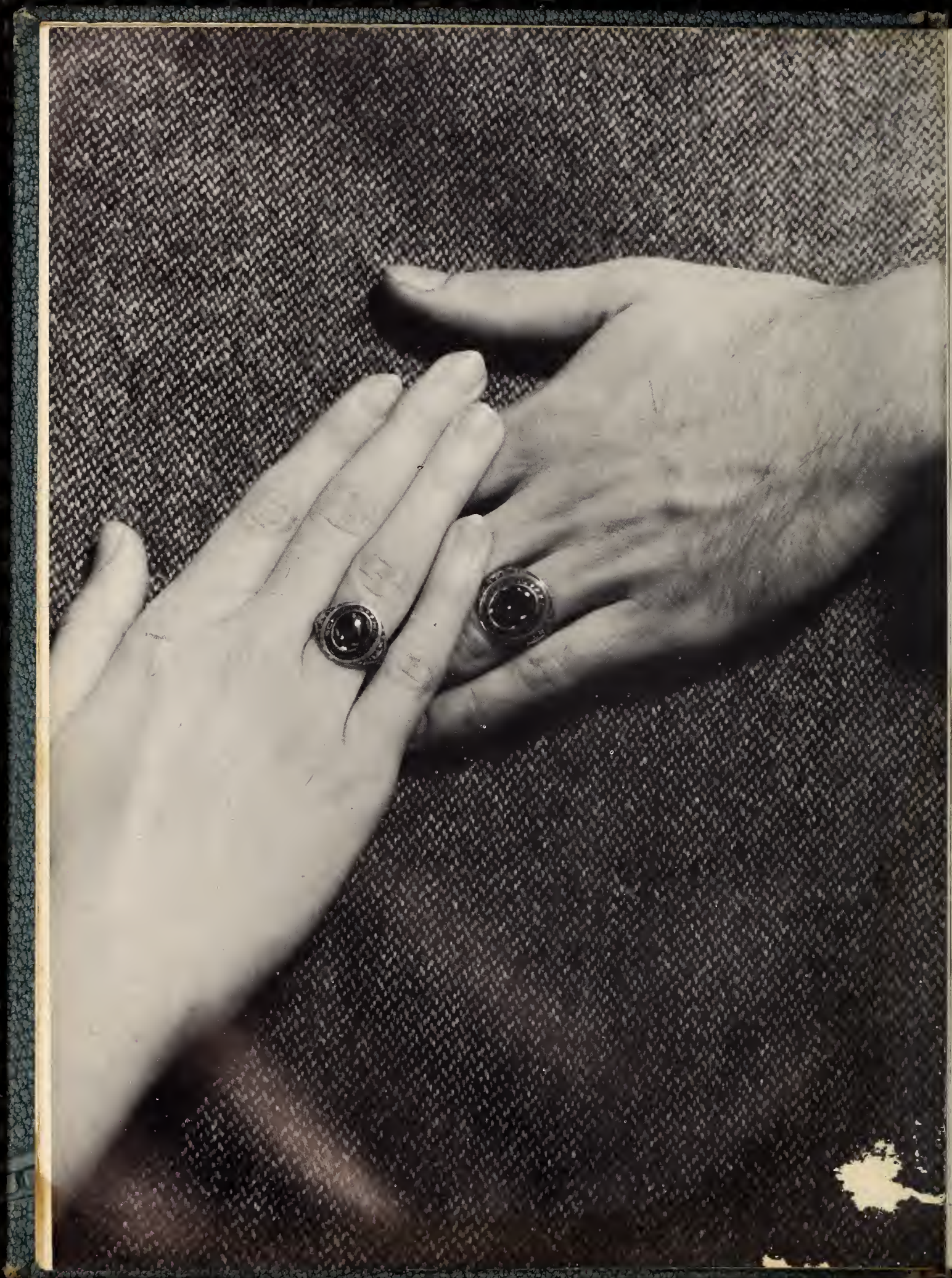
#### Ninth Grade:

High School at last! Arthur McDuffie and Pete Hornaday discovered and fell in love with football and did all right for themselves too! Grey Singletary met and fell in love with Mrs. Ballenberger and Latin? (No Comment) Joyce Breeze couldn't make up her mind between Jack Murphy and Donald Wilson, but Jack started going steady with Tat Howell the last day of school, and they have been going strong ever since? Robert Bishop and Patty Duke were another frequently seen couple? Mary Ann Ramey and Mrs. Hamilton had a slight argument over love magazines in Home Ec.?

#### Tenth Grade:

All the girls decided Jamie McLean was "so cute"? Scott Williams came back from Charlotte a "big-wheel cat"? Jo Ann Cox came back after Christmas with a pretty watch from her one and only? Bobby Peele became a well-known tap dancer? Bobby Stephens came to Hamlet and took over Birmingham's drug store? Ella Rea Hudson joined our class and became quite popular with everyone? Jo Ann McIver was a devoted Latin student? Alex Morrison kept his biology class amused with buggy jokes? Gilbert Robertson became a well-known boxer? Bonnie Carnes and Andy Hemphill were a steady twosome?







#### Eleventh Grade:

Marjorie Warr and Catherine Newton knocked us all out with diamonds, and Gerry McDuffie tied the final knot? The girls all swooned over Roy Peele's new convertible? Beverly Gibson and Douglas Walton started going steady? Peggy Hendley was frequently seen at the movies? Miss Flynt took Donald Peele under her wing determined to see that he passed? The Minnow-Hoss gang was formed with Bobby Hutchens as leader? We became known as "the fighting Juniors" at Jr.-Sr. time? Jimmy Williams left us for the Navy, but Uncle Sam took Bobby Brigman away from Mr. Haltiwanger? Billy Parker didn't go to the Hi-Y-Teen Banquet, because you had to have a date? Ernest Peele began "Advice to the Lovelorn"? Caroline Chavis and Miss Flynt became partners in English? Ike Gainey took over the football team and became head coach? Dot Billingsley and Eugene were steadies? A Rockingham class ring became a familiar sight when Shirley Quick was around?

#### Twelfth Grade:

Chris Comas came along and took Pete Hornaday away from all his fans? Clarke Carroll refused to pick up two girls, who asked for a ride to Indian Head Camp, as he didn't have enough gas? Dorcas Nelson came back from the Christmas holidays with a diamond? Mary Moon started driving an A-Model and carried Betty Jean Haynes along to push? Peggy Jo Blakely got religion and started going with a preacher? Sammy Weatherly started driving a bus?

This completes the history of our years of struggling together to learn a little reading, writing, and arithmetic. Some of it is good, some bad, but I am sure not one of us would want to change it.

BOBBIE SUTTON  
*Class Historian*



# HONORS OF THE '53 CLASS

## SHIRLEY JEAN BAUCOM

F. H. A. 9, 10, 11, 12; Rainbow 9, 10, 11, 12; Latin Club 9, 10; Y-Teen 10, 11, 12; Y-Teen President 12; Drink Seller 12; Dramatic Club 11; Music 9, 10, 11, 12; Perfect Attendance 9, 10, 11, 12; Office Assistant 12; Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; Annual Editor 12; Speech Club 10; World Peace Contest 10; Quill and Scroll Club 12.

## JOEL C. BENNETT, JR.

Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 12; Hi-Y 10, 11, 12; Hi-Y Vice-President 12; French Club 11, 12; Monogram Club 12; Dramatic Club 12.

## DOROTHY LEE BILLINGSLEY

Jr. Sr. Food Committee 11; Latin Club 9, 10; 4-H Club 9, 11; F. H. A. Club 9, 10; Music 9; Perfect Attendance 11; Y-Teen 11, 12; Annual Staff 12; Library Assistant 11; Physical Ed. 9.

## ROBERT WILLIAMS BISHOP

Glee Club 12; Football Manager 12; 4-H Club 9; Hi-Y Club 11, 12; Monogram Club 12.

## PEGGY JO BLAKELY

Y-Teen 10, 11, 12; Y-Teen Chaplain 12; Glee Club 9, 12; F. H. A. 9; 4-H Club 9; F. H. A. Vice-President 9; Rainbow 9, 10, 11; Drink Seller 11, 12.

## ELIZABETH JOYCE BREEZE

Dramatic Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Speech Club 10; Speech Contest 10; World Peace Contest 10, 11, 12; Recitation Contest 9, 10, 11, 12; Honorable Mention in Recitation 11; F. H. A. 9, 10, 12; State Medical Contest 10; County and District Constitution Essay Winner 11; Music 9, 10, 11, 12; Rainbow 9, 10, 11, 12; Treasurer of Class 9; Y-Teen 10, 11, 12; Y-Teen Treasurer 11; Y-Teen Vice-President 12; Candidate for Homecoming Queen 12; Latin Club 9, 10; French Club 11, 12; President of French Club 12.

## MARY BELLE BRIGMAN

F. H. A. 9, 10; Glee Club 9; Class Officer 9; Waitress Jr. Sr. 10.

## JACK PAGE BRIGMAN

4-H Club 9, 10, 11.

## BONNIE LYNN CARNES

Latin Club 9, 10; F. H. A. 9, 10, 11, 12; Y-Teen 10, 11, 12; Recitation 10; Program Seller 12; Dramatics Club 11; Waitress Jr. Sr. 10.

## HARVEY CLARKE CARROLL, JR.

Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 10; Baseball Manager 9; Declamation Contest 10, 11; Declamation Winner 11; Band 9; Class Officer 9, 10, 11; Hi-Y Officer 10, 11, 12; Dramatics Club 11, 12; Sandspur Staff 10, 11, 12; Sandspur Editor 12; Annual Staff 12; French Club 11, 12; Debates 11, 12; Monogram Club 12; Jr. Marshal 11; Jr. Sr. Entertainment Chairman 11; Perfect Attendance 9; Boy's State 11; Glee Club 11; Quill and Scroll President 12; Superlative 12; Sponsor of Homecoming Queen 12.

## JOHNNY CLEVELAND CARTER

4-H Club 12; French Club 11, 12; Vice-President of French Club 12; Sandspur Staff 12; Hi-Y 11, 12; Honor Roll 9; Recitation 9; Quill and Scroll 12.

## CAROLINE CHAVIS

4-H Club 9, 10.

## MYRA RUTH COCHRAN

Library Assistant 11.

## MERI CHRISTINE COSMAS

Chaplain 12; Dramatic Club 12; Vice-President Dramatic Club 12; F. H. A. 12; F. H. A. Secretary 12; Glee Club 12; Bookroom Manager 12; Homecoming Maid of Honor 12; Senior Play 12; Debate Club 12; Model in F. H. A. Fashion Show 12; Dramatic Club Program Director 12.







#### BARBARA JEAN COXE

Perfect Attendance 12; Glee Club 12; French Club 11; F. H. A. 9, 10, 11, 12; Library Assistant 9, 10, 12; 4-H Club 9, 12.

#### JO ANNE COX

Glee Club 9, 10; 4-H Club 9, 10; Library Assistant 9, 10; French Club 11, 12.

#### PATRICIA LUCILLE DUKE

4-H Club 9; F. H. A. 9, 10.

#### CLAUDETTE LORENE EPTING

Latin Club 10, 11; F. H. A. 9, 10, 11, 12; Speech Club 10; Recitation Contest 9, 10, 11; Recitation Winner 11; Honorable Mention 10; Sandspur Staff 11, 12; Dramatic Club 11, 12; World Peace Contest 10; Music 9, 10, 11, 12; Y-Teen 10, 11, 12; Rainbow 9, 10, 11, 12; Perfect Attendance 9, 10, 11.

#### WILLIAM ISAAC GAINEY

Football Manager 10, 11, 12; Baseball Manager 10; Glee Club 11, 12; Annual Staff 12; Monogram Club 12; 4-H Club 9; Perfect Attendance 9, 10, 12; Jr. Sr. Entertainment Committee 11; Jr. Sr. Decoration Committee 11.

#### BEVERLY ELISE GIBSON

F. H. A. 9, 10, 11, 12; 4-H Club 9, 10, 12; Sandspur 10, 11, 12; Annual Staff 12; Y-Teen 11, 12; Dramatic Club 11, 12; Speech Club 10; Program Seller 12; Drink Seller 12; Perfect Attendance 12; Rainbow 9, 10, 11, 12; Rainbow Worthy Advisor 11; Exchange Editor Sandspur 11; Library Assistant 10; Jr. Sr. Entertainment Committee 11; Jr. Sr. Decoration Committee 11; Physical Ed. 9.

#### ANNIE JEANETTE GIBSON

Perfect Attendance 9, 10, 12; Library Assistant 9, 10, 11, 12; Glee Club 9; 4-H Club 9, 10, 11, 12; F. H. A. Club 9, 10, 12.

#### MELROSE GRANT

4-H Club 10.

#### MARTIN ARMSTEAD HATCHER, JR.

Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Co-Captain of Football Team 12; Basketball 9, 10, 12; Baseball 12; Latin Club 9, 10; Latin Club Tribune 9, 10; French Club 11, 12; Glee Club 11; Hi-Y 10, 11, 12; Hi-Y President 12; Class Officer 9, 10, 11, 12; Assistant Editor of Annual 12; Toastmaster of Jr. Sr. 11; Bookroom Manager 9, 12; Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12; Dramatic Club 11, 12; Monogram Club 12; Junior Marshal 11; Boy's State 11; Honor Roll 10, 11; Jr. Sr. Waiter 10; Superlative 12.

#### BETTY JEAN HAYNES

Perfect Attendance 12; Glee Club 9, 12; French Club 11, 12; F. H. A. 9, 10, 12; 4-H Club 12.

#### ANDREW MUSE HEMPHILL

Latin Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Declamation Contest 10; Eagle Scout 11; Hi-Y 11, 12; Testator 12.

#### PEGGY LOUISE HENDLEY

Latin Club 9 10; F. H. A. 9, 10, 12; Glee Club 12; Y-Teen 11, 12; 4-H Club 9.

#### EARL DEWEY HORNADAY

4-H Club 9, 10; Glee Club 11; Football 9, 10, 11; Baseball 9, 10, 11; French Club 11, 12; Waiter for Jr. Sr. 10; Chief Marshal 11; Secretary of Class 10; Vice-President of Class 11; Student Council 11, 12; Vice-President of Student Council 12; Bookroom 11; Monogram Club 12; Annual Staff 12; Dramatic Club 12; President of Dramatic Club 12; Superlative 12.



**CARRIE ALLISON HOWELL**

Basketball 9; F. H. A. 9, 10, 12; Latin Club 9, 10; Latin Club Tribune 10; French Club 11, 12; Y-Teen 11, 12; Dramatic Club 9, 10; Sandspur Staff 9, 10, 11, 12; Sandspur Business Manager 11, 12; Dramatic Club State Contest Play 10; Girl's State 11; Medical Essay Contest Winner 10, 11; T. B. Essay Contest Winner 11; Student Council 9, 10; Bookroom Manager 9; Homecoming Queen Candidate 12; Annual Staff 12; Quill and Scroll 12.

**ELLA REA HUDSON**

Glee Club 9; 4-H Club 10; Waitress for Jr. Sr. Banquet 10; T. B. Contest Winner 12.

**ROBERT FRANKLIN HUTCHENS**

Glee Club 9, 10, 11; 4-H Club 9, 10; Hi-Y Club 11, 12; Physical Ed. 9, 10.

**DORIS MARIE LASSITER**

4-H Club 9, 10, 11; F. H. A. Club 10, 11, 12; Annual Staff 12; Dramatics Club 12; Class Officer 11; Honor Roll 9; Jr. Sr. Decorating Committee 11.

**SHIRLEY JEAN MATHESON**

Perfect Attendance 9, 10, 11, 12; Music 9, 10, 11, 12; Rainbow 9, 10, 11, 12; Latin Club 9, 10, 11; F. H. A. 9, 10, 11, 12; Dramatic Club 11; Y-Teen 11, 12; Drink Seller 11, 12; Speech Club 10; Basketball 9; Honor Roll 10, 12; Debate Club 12; Basketball Manager 12.

**LAURA GERALDINE McDUFFIE**

Class Officer 9, 10, 11; 4-H Club 9, 10; Glee Club 9; Perfect Attendance 9, 10, 11.

**ARTHUR THOMAS McDUFFIE**

Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 10, 11, 12; Student Council 12; 4-H Club 9; Glee Club 9, 10; Annual Staff 12; Class Officer 12.

**LENNA ODESSA McEWEN**

Latin Club 9, 10; F. H. A. 9, 10, 11, 12; F. H. A. Vice-President 10, President 11; Y-Teen 11, 12, Treasurer 12; Music 9, 10, 11, 12; Rainbow 9, 10; Drink Seller 11, 12; Student Council 11, 12; Class Treasurer 10, 12, President 11; Glee Club 10; Jr. Sr. Waitress 10, Food Committee Chairman 11; Secretary of Student Council 12; Junior Marshal 11; Latin Club Tribune 9, 10; Basketball 10; Latin Club Treasurer 9; Prophet 12; Superlative 12.

**CHARLES FREDERICK McKEE**

Class Officer 9; Eagle Scout 9; Perfect Attendance 9, 10; Waiter for Jr. Sr. 10; French Club 11, 12; Football Manager 11; Monogram Club 12.

**JO ANN McIVER**

Perfect Attendance 9, 10; F. H. A. 9, 10, 12; 4-H Club 9, 11, Secretary 11; Glee Club 9, 10; Latin Club 9, 10; Library Assistant 10; Jr. Sr. Waitress 10; Y-Teen 10, 11, 12, Secretary 12; Student Council 11, 12; Class Officer 11, 12; Bookroom Manager 11; Superlative 12.

**JAMIE OWEN McLEAN**

French Club 11, 12; Hi-Y 11, 12.

**WINNIFRED MITCHUM**

Class Officer 10; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; F. H. A. 12; French Club 11, 12; Perfect Attendance 9; Cheerleader 10, 11, 12; Jr. Sr. Waitress 10; Rainbow 9, 10; Y-Teen 10; 4-H Club 9, 10; Superlative 12.

**MARY LEE MOON**

F. H. A. 9, 10; 4-H Club 9, 10, 11; Latin Club 9; French Club 11, 12; Library Assistant 9, 10, 11, 12; Glee Club 12.

**ALEX R. MORRISON**

Band 10, 11, 12; Glee Club 11, 12; Perfect Attendance 11; Dramatic Club 11; French Club 11, 12; Superlative 12.

**JOHN JOSEPH MURPHY**

Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 12; Baseball Manager 11; Glee Club 12; Hi-Y 11, 12; Hi-Y Treasurer 12; Sandspur Staff 11, 12; French Club 11, 12; Second Place V. F. W. Essay Contest 11; Monogram Club 12; Perfect Attendance 9, 10; Junior Marshal 11; Eagle Scout 11; 4-H Club 9; Dramatic Club 10; Traffic Monitor 12; Quill and Scroll 12; Vice-President, Quill and Scroll 12.

**DORCAS DEAN NELSON**

Class President 9; Student Council 9; Glee Club 9, 10; F. H. A. 9, 10, 11, 12; Physical Education 9, 10, 11, 12; 4-H Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Perfect Attendance 9; French Club 11, 12; President Girl's Athletic Club 12; Jr.-Sr. Waitress 10.

**CATHERINE SCHOLL NEWTON**

Basketball 10, 11, 12; Latin Club 9; Vice-President Girl's Athletic Club 12; F. H. A. 9; Physical Education 9, 10, 11.







**BILLY LEVAN PARKER**  
Hi-Y 11, 12.

**DONALD CARSON PEELE**  
Bus Driver 10, 11, 12; 4-H Club 10, 11; Football 9.  
**ERNEST WILSON PEELE**  
Football 9; Glee Club 10; 4-H Club 9, 10; Bus Driver 12; Baseball 12.

**ROBERT CARSON PEELE**  
Student Council 11; Cheerleader 10, 11, 12; Dramatic Club 10, 11, 12; French Club 11, 12; Sandspur Staff 11, 12; Perfect Attendance 10; Glee Club 9, 10, 12; 4-H Club 9, 10, 11; Hi-Y 10, 11, 12; Annual Staff 12; Debate Alternate 11; Basketball 12; Quill and Scroll 12; Student-at-Large 11.

**WILLIAM ROY PEELE**  
4-H Club 9, 10; Football 10, 11, 12; Waiter for Jr. Sr. 10; French Club 11, 12; French Club Officer 12; Baseball 12; Hi-Y 11, 12; Glee Club 11; Monogram Club 12; President of Student Council 12; Secretary of Senior Class 12; Annual Staff 12; Dramatic Club 11, 12; Student Council 12; Basketball Manager 12; Superlative 12.

**SHIRLEY ANN QUICK**  
Latin Club 9, 10; Treasurer of Latin Club 9; 4-H Club 10; F. H. A. 10; Student Council 10; Class Officer 10; Perfect Attendance 9, 10, 11, 12; Library Assistant 11.

**MARY ANN RAMEY**  
Cafeteria 11, 12; 4-H Club 9, 10.  
**NELLIE RUTH RICHARDSON**  
F. H. A. Club 11, 12; Class Vice-President 9; 4-H Club 9, 10.

**FLORA ELLEN ROBINSON**  
Cafeteria 11, 12; 4-H Club 9, 10; F. H. A. 9.

**MARTHA FRANCES ROBINSON**  
Cafeteria 9, 12; 4-H Club 9, 11.  
**BENNIE LOU ROGERS**  
Y-Teen 11, 12; Drink Seller 11; Rainbow 9, 10, 11; French Club 11, 12; 4-H Club 9; F. H. A. 9, 10; Glee Club 12; Annual Staff 12; Dramatic Club 12.

**JOSEPH GREY SINGLETARY**  
Latin Club 9; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Hi-Y 10, 11, 12; Projectionist 12.

**ROBERT CECIL STEPHENS**  
Football 9; 4-H Club 9, 10.

**MARY BARBARA SUTTON**  
Quill and Scroll 12; Superlatives 12; F. H. A. 9, 10; F. H. A. Reporter 9; Latin Club 9, 10; Latin Club Sr. Tribune 10; Glee Club 10, 11; Y-Teen 11, 12; Class Officer 9, 12; Student Government 12; Waitress Jr. Sr. 10; Toastmistress Jr. Sr. 11; Annual Business Manager 12; Cheerleader 11; Dramatic Club 12; Drink Seller 12.

**DOUGLAS EUGENE WALTON**  
4-H Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Sandspur 12; Glee Club 9, 10, 11; Annual Staff 12; Dramatic Club 11, 12; Perfect Attendance 11; Bus Driver 11, 12; Quill and Scroll 12; Library Assistant 11; Jr. Sr. Entertainment Committee 11; Jr. Sr. Decorating Committee 11.

**MARJORIE ADAIR WARR**  
F. H. A. 9, 10; 4-H Club 9; Class President 9.  
**SAMUEL EDGAR WEATHERLY**  
4-H Club 9, 10, 11; Band 9, 10, 11; Bus Driver 12.

**CHARLES McDONALD WILLIAMS**  
4-H Club 9, 10; Class President 10.  
**JAMES DAVID WILLIAMS**  
4-H Club 9, 10, 11.

**ROBERT CLARK WILLIAMS**  
President of 4-H Club 10; Glee Club 9, 10, Secretary 9; J. V. Football 9.

**SCOTT WILBURN WILLIAMS**  
Secretary-Treasurer 9; 4-H Club 9, 10, 11; 4-H Club Sec.-Treas. 9, 10; Perfect Attendance 9, 10; Glee Club 9, 10, 11.

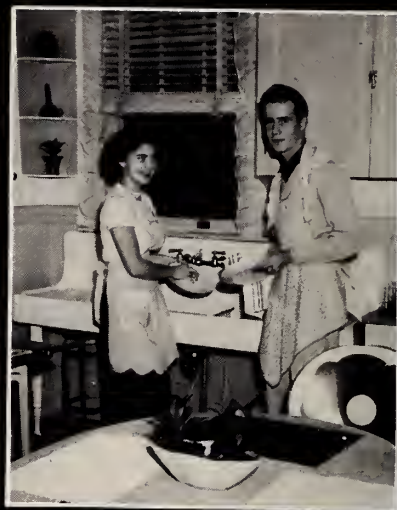
**DONALD WESLEY WILSON**  
Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 10; Baseball 11, 12; French Club 11, 12; Glee Club 11, 12; Hi-Y 10, 11, 12; Hi-Y Sergeant-at-Arms 12; Dramatic Club 11; 4-H Club 9; Monogram Club 12; Decorating Committee for Jr. Sr. 11; Eagle Scout.

**MARTHA SUE WOODALL**  
Glee Club 9, 10; Librarian for Glee Club 10; F. H. A. 9, 11; Dramatic Club 10; Music 9, 10, 12; Rainbow 9; French Club 11, 12; Marshal 11; Secretary of French Club 12.





*Mr. and Miss H. H. S.  
Lenna McEwen  
Martin Hatcher*



*Friendliest  
Lenna McEwen  
Clarke Carroll*



*Most Popular  
Lenna McEwen  
Martin Hatcher*



*Best Dressed  
Lenna McEwen  
Roy Peele*



*Best Looking  
JoAnn McIver  
Martin Hatcher*





*Wittiest*  
*Bobbie Sutton*  
*Alex Morrison*



*Best Figure + Physique*  
*Lenna McEwen*  
*Pete Hornaday*



*Most Athletic*  
*Winnie Mitchum*  
*Arthur McDuppie*



*Best Personality*  
*Bobbie Sutton*  
*Clarke Carroll*



*Most Likely To Succeed*  
*Shirley Baucem*  
*Martin Hatcher*



# LAST WILL And TESTAMENT

Town of Hamlet  
County of Richmond  
State of North Carolina  
United States of America  
North America, Western Hemisphere  
Planet Earth

May 30, 1953

We, the Senior Class of Nineteen Hundred Fifty-Three, being of doubtful mind and sound body hereby declare this to be the Last Will and Testament of said Senior Class. This will therefore annuls and revokes any will (or wills made heretofore.

## ITEM I

To the faculty we leave our gratitude for molding the rough freshman clay into the statue of manhood now ready to face the future with confidence and determination to succeed.

## ITEM II

Shirley Baucom leaves one big headache, the annual, to Nancy Cato in hopes that she has aspirin money saved up.

Sonny Bennett at last leaves the "Hub" to Tommy Hendricks.

Dot Billingsley leaves her country brogue to any "city slicker" who can out ain't her.

Robert Bishop leaves his Indiana brogue to Andy Howell to match her Southern drawl.

Peggy Jo Blakely relinquishes her sunny smile to Mr. Haltiwanger so he can use it when next year's senior class wears his old one out.

Joyce Breeze bequeathes her quiet manner to Rhoda Williams as an improvement.

Mary Belle Brigman leaves a worn out short-hand book to next year's ambitious students.

Jack Brigman bequeathes his ability to make furniture in the shop to Mr. Moses, the instructor.

Bonnie Carnes leaves her ease in blushing to Ann Dozier.

Clarke Carroll leaves his ability to become invisible on the football field by turning sideways to any end with the proper physique.

Johnny Carter leaves his curly hair to "Blue Flame" "Cue Ball" McManus.

Caroline Chavis leaves her dimples and her ability to get along with teachers to Louise Hamilton.

Myra Cochran leaves her long fingernails to Lillie Gill Gross who tries so hard to grow them.

Chris Cosmas leaves her dimples and sunny disposition to Nancy Cato.

Barbara Coxe leaves her Home-Ec. sewing ability to any poor freshman who needs it.

Jo Ann Cox leaves her hair to Barbara Gibson so that she won't have to roll it every night.

Patty Dukes leaves her great algebra "ability" to needy Tony Evans.

Claudette Epting leaves her job as program and drink salesgirl at the ballgames to next year's Y-Teen Club.

Ike Gainey leaves his enormous height to Dickie Snyder.

Beverly Gibson leaves her annual typist's ability to next year's nuts.

Jeanette Gibson leaves her blonde hair to Lillie Gill Gross so she can save money on peroxide.

Melrose Grant leaves his hunting ability to Andy Waddell.

Martin Hatcher leaves two teeth on the football field to keep the grass trimmed.

Betty Jean Haynes leaves her quiet manner to Ann Parker.

Andy Hemphill leaves one beat-up baritone horn and the Hamlet Band to a better future.

Peggy Hendley leaves her love for the movies to Melba Thompson.

Pete Hornaday leaves because of old age and bequeaths his ability to keep secrets to "Liz Howell."

Tat Howell leaves the Sandspur business manager's job to anyone who will take it.



Ella Rea Hudson leaves her love for Rockingham to Felicity Mudd.

Bobby Hutchens leaves his ability to come to school to Patty Ann Pait.

Doris Lassiter leaves her sunny disposition and her love for other people to all the rising Seniors.

Shirley Matheson leaves first period study hall (what's left of it) to Robbie Reid, Sylvia McManus, and Hatsy Shortridge for next year's "blab" session.

Gerry McDuffie Allen bequeathes her ability to get her man and keep him to Susan Hatcher.

Arthur "Mac" McDuffie leaves enough of his football ability to Bruce King to make him an All-Star and the rest to the H.H.S. team because they'll need it in his absence.

Lenna McEwen leaves whatever she's got to anyone who needs whatever it is.

Jo Ann McIver leaves her beautiful smile and figure to any rising Senior who needs the added touch to either.

Charles "Mr." McKee relinquishes his title of star notebook paper bum to Charlie McGilvary.

Jamie McLean bequeathes his French brains to Gene Hennecy so he may fail without half trying.

Winnie Mitchum leaves her zeal for studying French to Jerry Sims, because he'll need it when she departs.

Mary Lee Moon drops her A-model Ford driving ability in Nancy Cato's lap with the advice, "Learn to dodge people; they can do a lot of damage."

Alex Morrison bequeaths his snare drum to Mr. Litaker for tomahawk practice.

Jack Murphy leaves his solos in the Glee Club to Mike Pegram.

Dotty Nelson relinquishes her fouling average in basketball to Johnsie Pate saying, "Be careful, it's deadly."

Catherine Newton leaves her ability to write letters and wait patiently to Alice Bassinger.

Billy Parker gives Rea's Service Station back to Mr. Rea.

Donald Peele leaves one set up bus to anyone who can drive the darn thing.

Ernest Peele bequeathes his ability to drive busses to the driver of '53-'54.

Bobby Peele leaves his attendance record of three-times-a-week to Eddie Terry.

Roy Peele leaves his lust for blondes to Mike Pegram. Also his gentlemanly ways are hopefully left to Jerry Bullard.

Shirley Quick leaves her life, liberty, and happiness in Miss Flynt's hands until June 1, 1953.

Mary Ramey leaves her height to Ann Parker.

Nellie Richardson leaves her ability to take shorthand dictation to any first year student who needs it.

Gilbert Robertson leaves with the saying, "It was a hard fight, but I won."

Flora Robinson leaves her lunchroom job to Sue Ramey, if she still likes food.

Martha Robinson relinquishes her bookkeeping book to Mr. Abdalla, because she can't take it with her.

Bennie Lou Rogers leaves her good-natured ways to Miss Newton for the benefit of future history classes.

Grey Singletary leaves his title of motion picture producer to anyone wishing to skip classes to run the machine.

Bobby Stephens gives Birmingham's Drug Store back to the original owners.

Bobbie Sutton leaves her wonderful disposition to the entire high school.

Douglas Walton bequeaths his ability to go steady to Eugene Wright and Eleanor Jordan.

Marjorie Warr leaves her "love" for school to Anita Bryson.

Sammy Weatherly leaves his ability to say little and think much to Everette Gobble.

Charles Williams wills his ability to keep quiet and learn to Eddie Terry.

David Williams leaves his extraordinary wit to Rhoda Williams, who is somewhat lacking in it.

Bobby Williams leaves his 12 years' and four summers' seniority at H.H.S. to be divided equally among Doug Gray, Jimmy Shaw, and Mike Carnes.

Scott Williams leaves his way with the teachers to John Newton.

Donald Wilson bequeaths his ability not to get along with the ladies to the rising Senior boys.

Martha Sue Woodall just leaves.

To the rising Seniors we leave our Senior privileges. You get exempt once a year and are allowed to pay more money than anyone else in school.

To the rising Juniors goes our sympathy because the Jr. Sr. is lots of work, headaches, and fun.

To the rising Sophomores we leave our hope for better years ahead.

To the rising Freshmen: "Enjoy yourselves, it's later than you think."

Andy Hemphill, *Testator*





## OFFICERS CLASS OF '54

*First row, left to right—Jerry Sims, Ray Samuels, Everette Gobble, Larry Edwards, Carolyn Billingsley. Second row, left to right—George Bryce, Audrey Thompson, Shirley McDougald, Nancy Cato, Sally Boyd, David Strock.*

*Left to right—Johnny Hicks, Tommy Wooten, Harris Hayes, Joyce Hawley, Bette Kay Strickland, Patsy McLean, Sue Ballentine, Catherine Reese, Tommy Dunn, John Land, Tommy Rose.*

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*First row, left to right—Maetrell Tarlton, Hayne Bryson. Second row, left to right—Nancy Tarlton, Sylvia McManus, Diane Yost. Third row, left to right—Bobby DuMeer, Al Horton, Lib McIntyre, Velta Allen, Louise Andrews, Bobby Rea, Mike Pegram.*

*First row, left to right—Nancy Cato, Ouida Reaves, Marcia Allen. Second row, left to right—George Bryce (Chief), Bruce King, Ray Samuels, Herndon Thompson.*



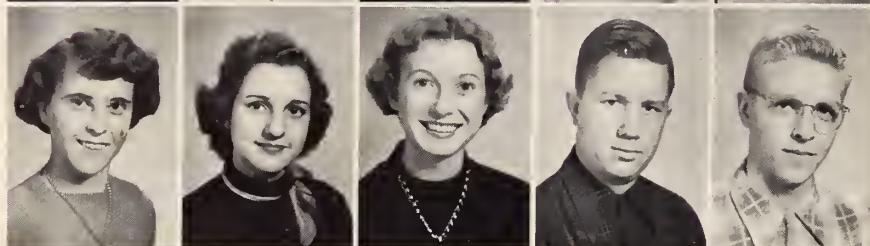
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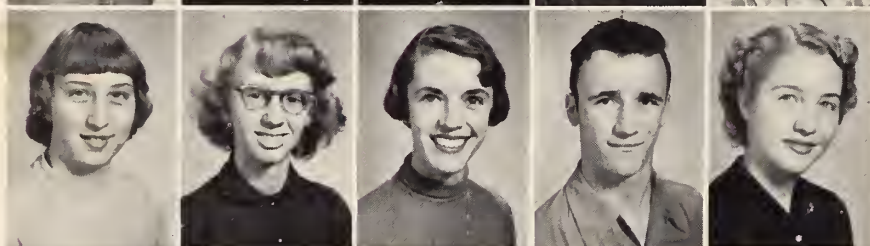
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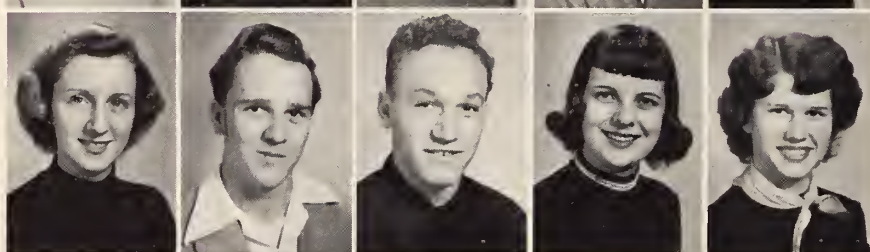
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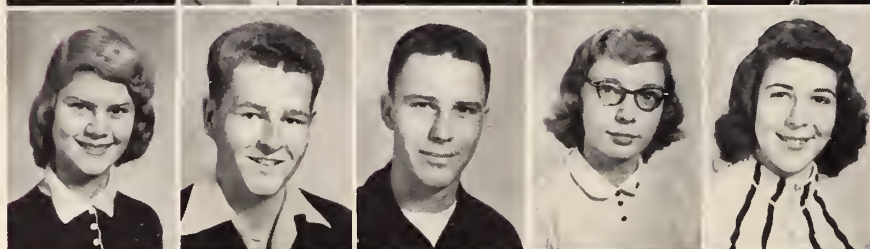
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Nancy Cato



Ann Dozier  
Larry Edwards  
Boyd Farmer  
Faye Fowler  
Barbara Gibson



Sylvia Gibson  
George Glass  
Everette Gobble  
Ann Graham  
Doris Graham



Tommy Hendricks  
Gene Hennecey  
Milton Herndon  
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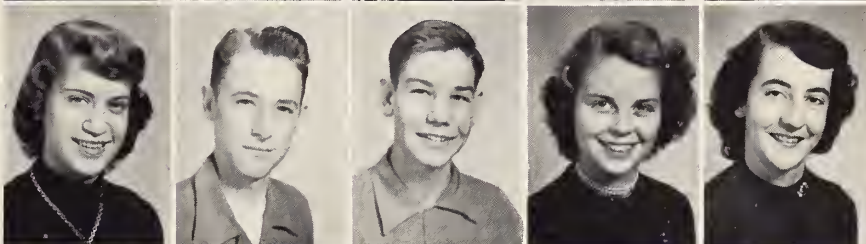
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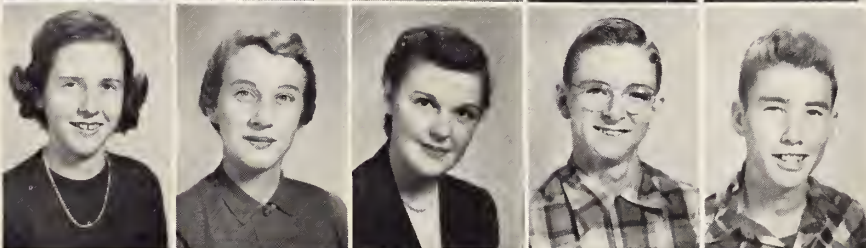
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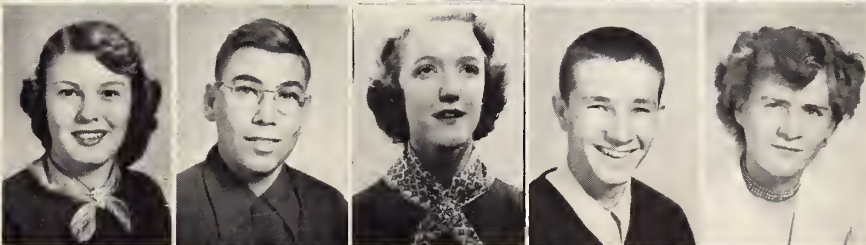
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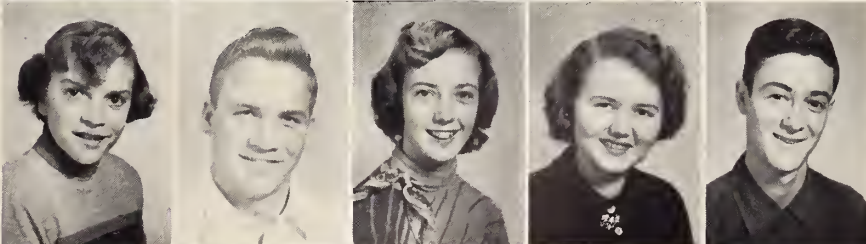
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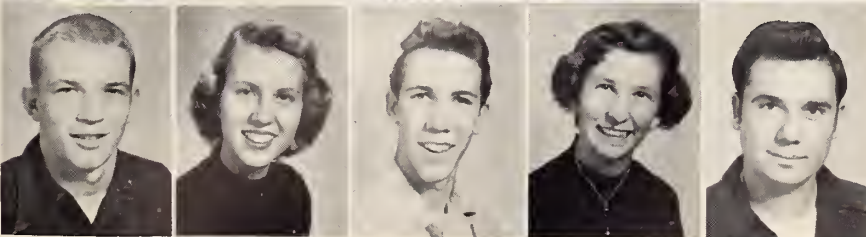
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Ruby Soloman  
Edith Steele  
David Strock



Jimmy Suggs  
Audrey Thompson  
Herndon Thompson  
Rhoda Williams  
Eugene Wright





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Gary Allen  
Sue Ballentine  
Jerry Baucom  
Gene Blakely  
Billy Bryant

James Carlisle  
Frances Carnes  
Mike Carnes  
Carolyn Chavis  
Margaret Chavis

Carson Clippard  
Margie Corbett  
Mary Elizabeth Craddock  
Lisette Dawkins  
Sheila Kay Dillard

Tommy Dunn  
Tony Evans  
Becky Faries  
Joe Freeman  
Loretta Gainey

Carolyn Garrison  
Bunny Gibbons  
Nancy Gibbons  
Billy Graves  
Chesley Greene

Louise Hamilton  
Hurley Hatcher  
Susan Hatcher  
Joyce Hawley  
Harris Hayes

Jamie Herndon  
Johnny Hicks  
June Hilburn  
Andy Howell  
Theresa Huguelet

Betty Hutchens  
Donald Jenkins  
Eleanor Jordan  
Clyde Kirkley  
Vide Kirkley

John Land  
Charles Lewis  
Ashleigh Lucas



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Joe Martin  
Vann McDuffie  
Ann McEwen  
Mickey Melver  
Charles McKeithan

Patsy McLean  
Ralph Mercer  
Claudia Milham  
Catherine Monk  
Ella Ann Morrison

Carolyn Norris  
Ann Parker  
Clara Parker  
Jean Paschal  
Barbara Peele

Horace Peele  
Edith Poston  
Jewell Presnell  
Richard Preslar  
Frances Pressley

Kenneth Pruitt  
Richard Rainwater  
Catherine Reese  
Barbara Richardson  
Willie Mae Richardson

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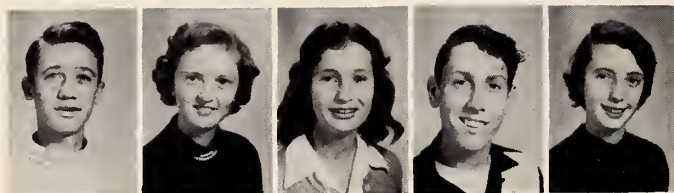
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Tommy Wooten  
Barbara Wrape  
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Johnny Allen  
Velta Allen  
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Billy Averitt  
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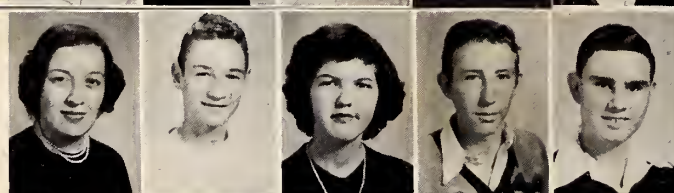
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Jean Campbell  
Nathaniel Campbell  
Floyd Capps  
Barbara Corbett  
Charles Cowan



Rudy Cox  
Jean Cox  
Hobson Davis  
Bobby DuMeer  
Francis Duncan



Delilah Frye  
Dickie Galloway  
Jennie Gardner  
James Gardner  
Stan Gardner



J. S. Grant  
Doug Gray  
Abbie Hammond  
Peggy Hatcher  
Douglas Haynes



Margaret Heaton  
Gwendolyn Helton  
Jean Hudson  
Al Horton  
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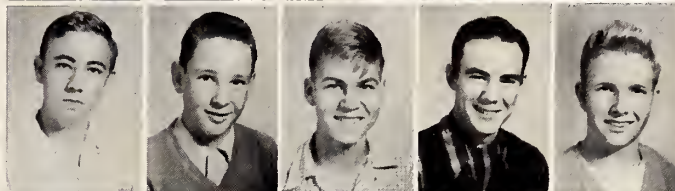


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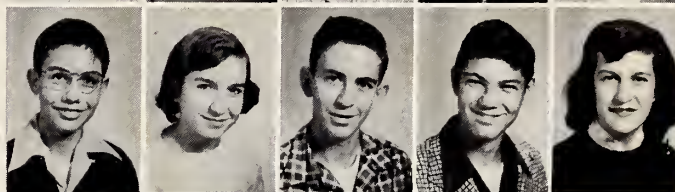
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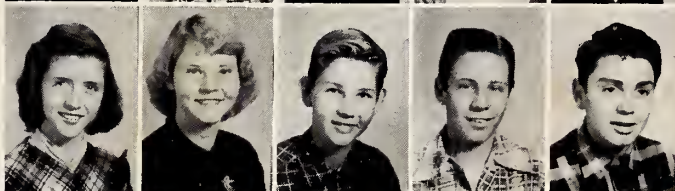
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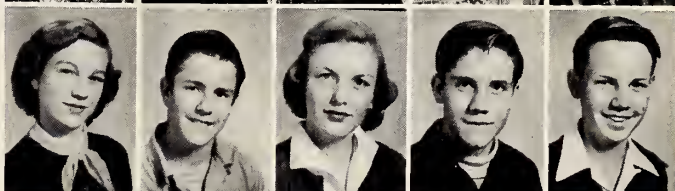
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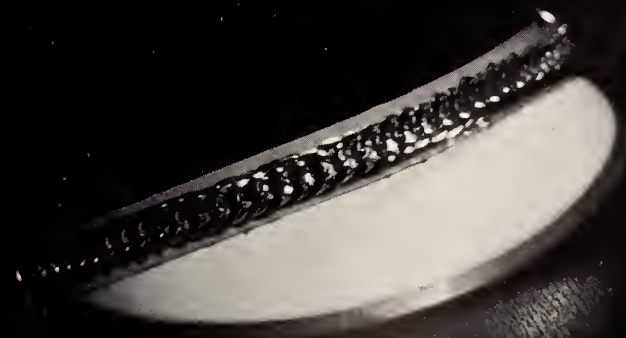
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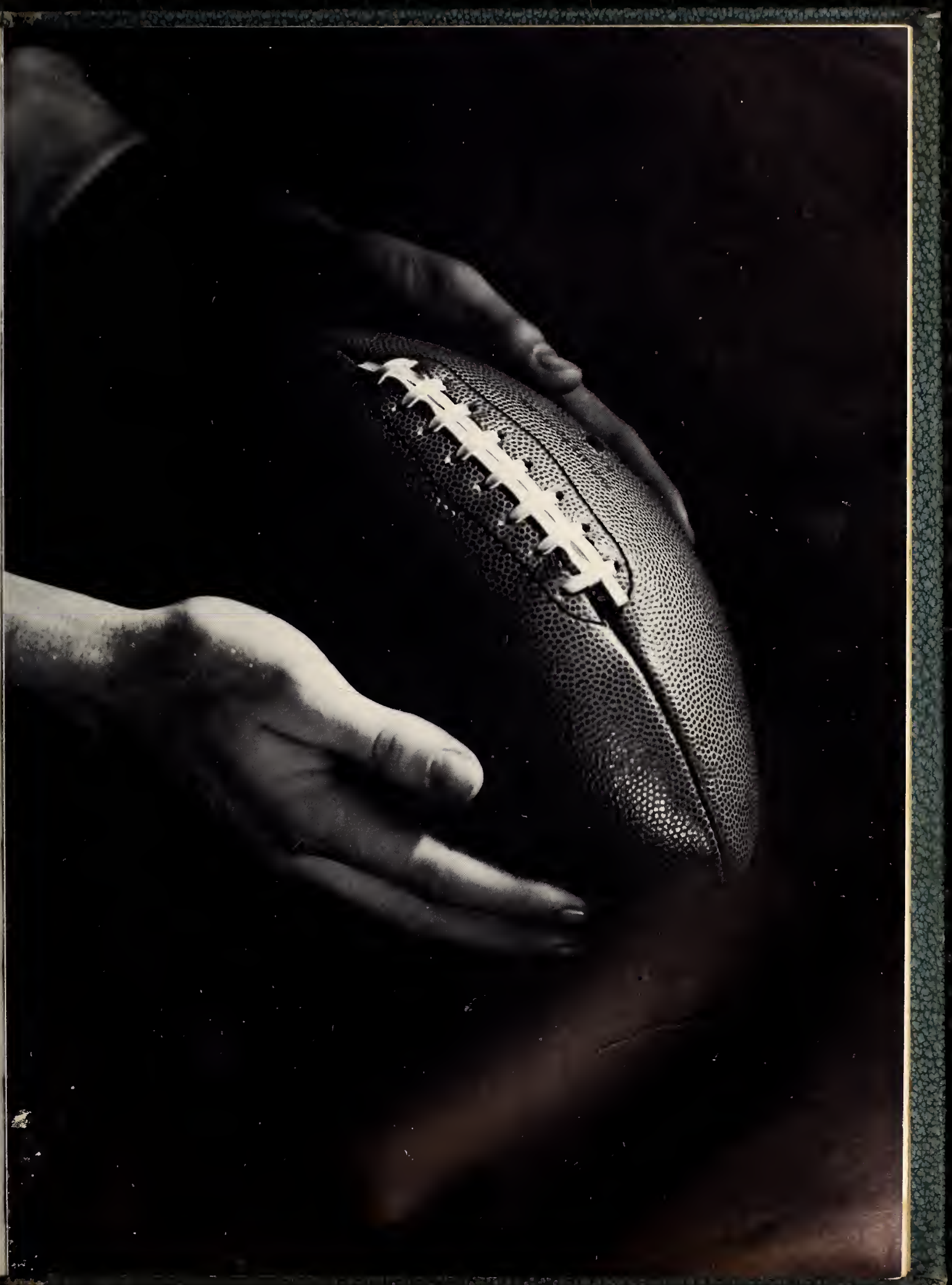


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# FOOTBALL RESUME

For the second consecutive year the Red Rams have been one of the top teams in their conference. Although not boasting as many wins this year as they did last, the Red Rams had a very successful season under the coaching of J. V. Pruitt and Gene Winfree.

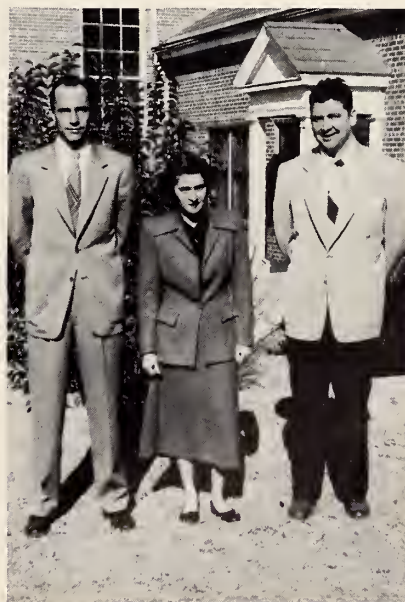
In the first game of the season the Rams played a very hard ball game to tie the Braves of Cheraw 6-6. Carroll and Samuels were the big guns for Hamlet. The touch-down came on a 15 yard pass from Samuels to Carroll. The highly regarded Pirates of Lumberton came to Hamlet to collect a sure win over the Rams. The Rams, not to be denied a victory, fought hard; and as the final whistle blew, the score read Hamlet 25, Lumberton 0. Then came the Whiteville game, which turned out to be a defensive battle with the line showing up the backfield. Many times the Whiteville ball carriers were stopped for no gain by such boys as Gene Hennecy, Donald Wilson, Arthur McDuffie, Jimmy Suggs, Martin Hatcher, and Roy Peele. The game ended in a 0-0 tie. Determined to get back on the winning column, the Rams romped the Scots of Laurinburg by a score of 25-0 with Jerry Sims, Ray Samuels, Clyde Kirkley, and Tommy Hendricks racking up the points. Our next visitors were the lads from Fairmont. Fairmont had neither been defeated nor scored on until this game. Hamlet licked them by a score of 6-0. The score came on a 30 yard run by Garnet Burns after picking up a blocked kick. Then came the first defeat of the Rams. They went to Wadesboro to be defeated by a score of 21-14. Following the defeat the Rams were defeated by Rockingham 30-6. Although the score was one sided, the Hamlet lads played a very hard game.

Being tired of defeats and ties, the team worked very hard in practice for the next game with Sanford, who at that time had not tasted a defeat. The Rams played what was probably the best game of their '52 campaign. The game ended with Hamlet on top 7-0. No one player could be singled out as being outstanding. It was a team

victory. The homecoming game was lost to Tabor City 19-14. The final game was won by the Rams from Clinton 34-13. Again this was an outstanding team victory.

We would like to list the names of the boys, who gave the Hamlet football team this good record. They are as follows: Clarke Carroll, Donald Wilson, Jimmy Suggs, Gene Hennecy, Buck Mitchum, Charlie McGilvary, Martin Hatcher, Vide Kirkley, Clyde Kirkley, Arthur McDuffie, Jimmy Montgomery, Roy Peele, Bruce King, Herndon Thompson, Ronald Parker, Tommy Hendricks, Ray Samuels, Jack Murphy, Jerry Sims, Larry Edwards, Garnet Burns, Billy Averitt, Isley Barnes, Johnny Hicks, Bobby Rea, Doug Haynes, Charles McKeithan, John Land, and Joe Martin.

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## CLASS PROPHECY

I went down to get my mail, and guess what I found! A nice thick envelope addressed to Miss Lenna McEwen, Nurse, James Walker Memorial Hospital. Upon opening it I found the invitation to the wedding of old classmates, Beverly Gibson and Douglas Walton, Joyce Breeze and Donald Wilson. It was to be June 2, 1963.

I drove the ambulance expertly along Hamlet Avenue and drew up in front of the First Baptist Church. A big sign proclaimed: Rev. Charles McKee. Cars were parked everywhere, and for the first time in my life I saw dozens of "parked cars" without people in them. (Oh, yea! I brought the ambulance along, because my motto is—Be Prepared).

A tall handsome usher led me down the aisle. He grinned, and I realized it was Ike Gainey, who had gained a few feet. Alex Morrison, leading Broadway actor, was sitting next to me. He informed me that he had finally landed a "father" part in a play. He seemed quite thrilled. JoAnn Cox is his bookkeeper. Shirley Matheson, he told me, had married a leading Rockingham citizen named Sonny. Bobby Peele had a huge dancing part in an MGM musical called "The World Owes Me A Living" written by Mr. Bobby Williams, who said, and I quote: "It was nothing. Miss Newton told me all about it."

Martha Sue Woodall, home from the conservatory, began the wedding march on the organ. As the bridesmaids passed, I noticed that Dorcas Nelson and Catherine Newton, All-Americans, were signing autographs.

Rev. McKee looked stunning in his green checked zoot suit; and Robert Bishop, best man, brought his fabulous race horse, Blue Flame, along since he could not be without him for one minute or his other horse, Extinguisher, would put out the Flame.

The wedding was finished in due time, and all the guests went to the reception. Dr. Andy Hemphill, Jr. and his wife Bonnie Carnes were discussing a delicate brain operation on some poor student, who got left behind. I think it was Sonny Bennett. Alex Morrison introduced me to a very distinguished man, and imagine my surprise upon learning that it was Clarke Carroll, a practicing lawyer. He was now deep in a case defending Dr. Martin Hatcher, who had been playing the horses. Chris Cosmas finally got a part in a Broadway play, too. She is the maid who "dunnit". Pete Hornaday is a football coach at State. The basketball team made a splendid showing this year. Melrose Grant is now wearing spectacles which look like a pair of those discarded by Miss Newton, his previous history teacher. Upon questioning Alex, I learned that he is a professor of U. S. History.

Scott Williams is in the engraving business—and I don't mean wedding invitations, either. Bobbie Sutton with her efficient, world-wide famous stenographer, Shirley Baucom was telling Grey Singletary, Nellie Richardson, and Jeanette Gibson about her talk with Queen Elizabeth and the many horrors of the dungeons in the palace.



## CLASS PROPHECY

Arthur McDuffie is the most eligible bachelor in town. Jamie McLean can never forget the plumbing business. Here is part of his conversation with the newly-weds: "And if you ever have a leaky faucet, a dripping water tank, or a busted pipe, just call me!"

Claudette Epting was smiling at Joyce, and through her tear filled eyes she said: "Have a nice time, Gold Dust Twin. I'll see you in Florida." Gerry McDuffie was surrounded by her three charming daughters and her five dachshunds. Johnnie Carter, star obituary reporter of the New York Times, came along with Detective Sammy Weatherly in hopes of finding column news. Winnie Mitchum got tired of yelling above the roar of the trains, so she moved to Rockingham and found a fresh new field of SWEET VIOLETS!

Bobby Hutchens still tells peculiar stories about his car. Miss Flynt goes along behind him and corrects his English. Tat Howell got tired of being a business manager and married Jack Murphy, a sports writer. Roy Peele is taking orders for French imported convertibles. He followed his French teacher, Miss Pons over there and decided to stay. She slipped back to America. Doris Lassiter finished her nurse's training at Mercy and married one of her wealthy patients. Bobby Stephens invented a mix and fix "your own" machine. He owns Birmingham's now. Patty Duke and Shirley Quick are discussing their Nobel prize winning stories. The respective titles were "Love, Mystery, and Adventure," and "I'm out for good."

Jack Brigman and Filbert Robertson are wealthy tycoons. Charles and David Williams opened up a grocery business, and it ran Colonial Stores out of business. I think it's the C & D We Got It All firm. Peggy Jo Blakely shocked the nation by retiring from her very active life of doin gnothing. She lives next door to Margie Warr Sowell. Martha Robinson keeps the books for Saks Fifth Avenue. Ella Rea Hudson has been writing prize winning essays. Mary Moon and Betty Jean Haynes are now head librarians at Hamlet High. Caroline Chavis is doing research work on "What makes teachers tick." Ernest and Donald Peele bought the school ten new buses. Barbara Cox walks around telling us what the chemical compounds of things are. Peggy Hendley is assistant manager to the manager of the Hamlet Theater. Dot Billingsley drives a truck. Myra Cochran writes children's stories. Mary Belle Brigman married a Vanderbilt . . . and built herself a home in Florida. Billy Parker resides in an office and gets to prop his feet up. Mary Ramey, dietitian at Hamlet Hospital, was comparing professional notes with Flora Robinson, who is writing a book entitled "Daily Nutrition."

Bennie Lou Rogers became extremely wealthy and married her chauffer. An emergency call came for Dr. Martin Hatcher; and when he came back, he announced that the former JoAnn McIver had a 7½ pound girl.

My feet are killing me. I'm going to beat a hasty retreat before anything else happens. I think Mrs. Phifer had the same idea; because as I walked out the church door, she gave her friendly smile. Whew! What a relief to be back in my ambulance and heading for home. There she is. James Walker Memorial. And there is my house . . . McEwen Dormitory. Head Nurses.

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as ever,  
Robert Bishop

Mrs. Phifer

I have enjoyed having you for a teacher this year very much you are a wonderful friend. I wish you all the joy and happiness in the world.

Lone,  
Jean Cox

Mrs. Phifer

I have enjoyed being in your Civic and English class this year. I will always remember you.

Lone.  
Shirley Bruce

To a very sweet teacher. I wish all the happiness in the world.

Mrs. Phifer,

I have enjoyed your teaching all year.  
I am glad you put up with me. Best wishes  
for the coming years.

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Best wishes to  
the best English teacher  
I have had since I started  
school.

Buddy Reynolds

To the best English  
teacher I have had  
in all my days in  
school.

Ferrill S. Hutchinson

Mrs. Phifer -  
I have had students in  
the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades to  
tell me you were the  
best teacher they had  
and I sincerely agree  
with them for you  
have been the best  
English teacher I have  
had. *Yours truly*

I have enjoyed being taught  
by you this year. Best of luck.

Doug Gray

Mrs. Phifer,  
I'm looking  
forward to next year,  
when I will have you  
to groom and guide  
me. Best wishes,  
I hope Prentiss  
Austin Brown

E. B. Smith.



Mrs. Phiper,  
 I have  
 enjoyed my English  
 more this year than ever  
 before. I have also learned  
 more this than ever before  
 I wish to thank you for everything  
 you have done for me. Lots of luck.  
 Leeman Drmsby  
 (P.S.) I hope you CAN READ  
 This.

I have enjoyed my English  
 better this year than any  
 other year. You are the  
 best teacher I've ever  
 had. Billy Zeigler

They have said it  
 before and they will  
 say it again & again.  
 Mrs. Phiper is the  
 best English teacher  
 I have ever had.

(P.S.) Hope you live  
 to be a happy hundred.

Bobby Bea

Mrs. Phiper

I have enjoyed being  
 in your class and  
 will always remember  
 you as one of my  
 best teachers.

Mary Bell

Mrs. Phiper,  
 I have enjoyed being  
 in your class this year.  
 I think you are the best  
 English teacher I've ever  
 had. I've learned more  
 and enjoyed them all the  
 best. Best of  
 Mrs. Phiper, best wishes to one with  
 of the sweetest teachers. Lots  
 at H. H. S. I certainly  
 have enjoyed being in  
 your home room.  
 Love  
 Betty Haynes

Mrs. Phifer:

I have certainly enjoyed you this year. I think you are one of the most sweetest teacher that I have known. I hope you have better luck with the students next year <sup>and all the years to follow.</sup> Wish you all the happiness in the world. Love you always,  
Mrs. Kenneth Bullard  
(Barbara Cox)

Mrs. Phifer,

I can't find words to tell you how much I appreciate all you've done for me during high school - especially back in the ninth grade when you were so wonderful about helping me get started back in school. I have always wanted you to know that I did appreciate the extra time you gave in helping me with my Civics (+ English too). I have considered you my favorite teacher but I'm sure I'm not the only one who has done that for who could help loving such a sweet and considerate person as you. I'll never forget you, Mrs. Phifer and I hope that you'll think of me once in awhile too.

Love to the sweetest  
Teacher I know,  
Elizabeth Bullard



Mrs. Phifer,

I have certainly enjoyed these years at Hamlet High. I think you are one of the sweetest teachers in school. I wish you the best of luck in the years to come and all the happiness in the world.

Love to the sweetest  
teacher I know,  
Bonnie Carnes

Mrs. Phifer

I have enjoyed this year with you as my English teacher, you have taught me a lot of things I did not know about English. I sure hope you will be able to teach many more years so the students coming up will have the pleasure that we have had this year.

Hayne Bryson

Mrs. Phifer,

you are really one of the sweetest and best teacher I have ever know. I wish you all the happiness in the world.

Love  
Frances Long

To a very nice, sweet,  
and understanding teacher.  
I shall hope to have you  
teach me again another year.  
Sincerely,  
Louise

Mrs Phifer,  
You are one of the  
nicest, sweetest, and  
most understanding  
teacher I have ever  
met. I hope your  
years will be the happiest  
ever. With lots of love!  
Delilah Faye

Mrs. Phifer,  
You are the sweetest  
and nicest teacher that  
I have ever had. I cer-  
tainly will miss you during  
the summer. Best wishes  
and good luck to you.

Love you lots,  
Anne Roscoe

Mrs. Phifer,  
You are one of the  
sweetest teachers  
I know. I will miss  
your sweet smile.  
Martha Robinson

Mrs. Phifer -  
You are one of the  
sweetest teachers I have  
known. You are always  
so helpful if anyone needs  
help. I shall always  
remember you as my friend  
and I hope you will do  
the same. I certainly am  
going to miss you next  
year.

Love -  
Sherley Matleson

Mrs. Phifer,  
As long as I have been  
going to school I have yet  
to find a teacher as  
patient and understanding  
as you. Love,  
Barbara



Mrs. Phifer,  
I thought all the  
years in school I  
can truly say that  
you are one of the sweetest  
and most understanding teachers!  
Love, Bullard  
Shirley

Mrs. Phifer,  
you are indeed  
one of the very  
nicest teachers  
in Hamlet N.H.  
may only the  
best of everything  
be within your  
reach.

Love,  
June Nielsen

Mrs. Phifer  
You are the  
sweetest teacher I have  
ever known. Last year the  
present tenth grade girls  
told me how wonderful you  
were but I thought nothing  
could make me like English  
but it seems this year I'm looking  
my favorite subject. I'm looking  
forward to being a senior and  
having you as my teacher.  
Love,  
Septia Meynauer

To one of my favorite  
teachers - I appreciate your  
help in my high school  
career. You are one teacher  
that can really handle  
students in the way they  
like to be handled.

Sincerely,  
Al Horton

Mrs. Phifer,  
Words can't  
express my gratitude  
for your help and  
friendship. You have  
been most kind and  
understanding to me  
as well as all of  
your pupils. I look  
forward to being in  
your classroom in  
the twelfth grade.

Al Horton

Mrs. Phibes,  
You've taught me many a year and I know  
I've worried you a lot but I can say that I  
have never enjoyed being taught by any other  
teacher as much as you. If you ever "Need any  
Help" just call on me and we'll handle that  
job all by ourselves. Best wishes always.  
Jack Brigman

Mrs. Phibes,  
You have taught me a lot this year  
in English and Civic. Best wishes always.  
Jimmy Gurney



Mrs. Phifer,

You are truly one of the nicest persons I have ever known. This is not just "annual talk"; I mean it. As a rule students don't care too much for teachers, but you are an exception, everybody I know likes you. As for myself I think you are tops.

Thanks for everything.  
I'll miss you.

Pete H.

Mrs. Phifer:

You are the sweetest and most considerate teacher I have ever had. It certainly isn't a "dry" class that you teach. You've always treated us as if we were your own children and I'm sure that we will always remember you for your thoughtfulness and helpfulness.

Love,

Dat Billingsley

Mrs. Phifer,

I want to thank you for everything you have did for me and the encouragement you have given me. I will never forget my ninth grade English class. I only wish that I could have taken Civics under you. I will always think of you.

Charlie McFee

Mrs. Phifer,

I have many happy memories of being in your classes. You are one of the sweetest persons I know.

Love,  
Shirley Bacon

Mrs. Phifer,

The many pleasant memories I have of my experiences with you will never be forgotten. Your sweet personality has meant much to me and everyone during our high school years. I'll never forget your patience with us in the Senior Play.

Love to a very  
sweet teacher  
and person,  
Lena McEwen



Mrs. Piper,

You are a very <sup>sweet</sup> teacher  
as well as a very sweet  
mother. I hope that I will  
be able to be in your 9th  
grade.

Love,

Martha Piper



